

## Unstated Ideas

**Directions:** Read the passage below with care. Look for **hidden assumptions** or ideas the author seems to believe are true but does not actually prove or directly state. List at least **two assumptions** you find. Answer the questions that follow, explaining why these assumptions matter.



Working from home is obviously better for everyone. Employees are more relaxed and productive when they avoid long commutes, and they can easily balance personal and professional lives without stress. Companies save enormous amounts of money on office space, utilities, and supplies, and no one misses out by skipping the outdated office environment. Virtual meetings are just as effective as in-person collaboration, and digital tools guarantee that communication flows smoothly without any barriers. With the freedom to design their own schedules, employees naturally manage time more wisely and complete tasks more efficiently. Since modern technology makes remote work seamless, there's truly no reason for anyone to return to traditional offices, which are costly, inefficient, and unnecessary in today's world.

1. Identify at least **two hidden assumptions** in the passage.
2. For each assumption, explain **why the author might believe it** and whether it could be challenged.
3. Write one **counterpoint** to the author's view. (Example: Some people may feel less connected when working remotely.)
4. How do absolute words like "everyone," "no one," and "truly no reason" affect the strength of the author's argument?
5. Which group of people might disagree most strongly with the author's viewpoint, and why?